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REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment is filed in response to the official action dated August 22, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-7, 9-28, 30-33, 35-36, and 61-63 are currently pending.

Claims 1-7, 9-28, 30-33, 35, and 61-63 are allowed.

Claim 36 stands rejected.

Claims 64-65 have previously been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 36 and 64-65 have been canceled.

In the foregoing Amendment, the Applicants have canceled rejected claim 36, and previously withdrawn claims 64-65. As indicated in the official action, all of the remaining claims 1-7, 9-28, 30-33, 35, and 61-63 are allowed. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of

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